

PETERSBURG.

SALE OF SYCAMORE-STREET PROPERTY.—MEETING OF ALABAMA-STATE FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY.—THE TOBACCO-TAX.—F. E. L. N. G.—THE POTATO CROP.—ADDRESS BY REV. MR. STEEL.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

JUNE 8, 1878.

The large brick store and corner of Tabb, for a great many years occupied by McWine & Co., was to-day sold at auction by Rev. Richard McWine, executor of his father, the late A. G. McWine. The property was divided into three stores of 30 feet front each on Sycamore street. The corner store was purchased by Mr. John G. Dunn for \$3,100, and the other two by Mr. Joseph E. Venable for \$3,175.

Dr. Thomas Withers, president of the University Alumni Association, in this city, has published a call for a meeting of the alumni and friends of the University of Virginia, to be held on Tuesday evening. The object of the meeting is to cooperate with the authorities at the University in securing the great McCormick telescope. Many of the alumni reside in Petersburg, and it is believed they will raise a handsome contribution towards securing the telescope.

Our tobacco manufacturers, in common with those throughout the country, naturally feel deep interest in the action of Congress on the subject of the reduction of the tobacco tax. The long agitation of the tobacco business, and one or two rival establishments have been closed for months, awaiting the action of Congress, while others have materially curtailed their trade. Whatever may be the sentiment of the manufacturers here as to the propriety of this legislation, which has been so frequently the last few years, there is unanimity of feeling in one respect, which is the same all over the country among those who favor as well as oppose reduction, and that is that if the bill becomes a law its provisions should not take immediate effect, as proposed in Mr. Tucker's amendment.

Trade desires a short time, at least, in which make arrangements for the disposition of the stock on hand. Several of our large manufacturers, it is understood, will visit Washington the first of the week to urge this matter among congressmen. A telegram from a distinguished senator was received yesterday, intimating that the Senate will hardly be able to act on the bill before adjournment.

Mrs. Cincinnati Rosser, a very estimable lady, died yesterday. Her husband died very suddenly three weeks ago yesterday, and she never recovered from the shock caused by the sad event.

The Irish-potato crop throughout all this section is larger and finer this season than for some years past. Weather has been very favorable to this crop, and the beetles have done the vine but little harm. Very large shipments of this valuable article are made from this section every season.

The closing exercises of our public schools will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, winding up with the exercises of the High School at Library Hall on the evening of the latter day.

A. C. Steel, of Richmond, will deliver the address.

ROBIN ADAIR.

KING WILLIAM COUNTY.

SPECIAL TERM OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.—IMPORTANT CASE.—THE CROPS.—COOL WEATHER.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

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A special term of the Circuit Court, Judge Rogers presiding, has been in session in this county during the week. An important suit, involving about \$75,000, is being tried. This amount represents the estate of a man named Gregg, who died in this county some time in 1870, and who for a number of years preceding his death was a resident of the city of Washington. The suit is a contest by the heirs-at-law, and the heirs-at-law, residents of this county, claiming the estate of the deceased. A jury has been chosen to try the question of the existence of a will; and, if any, which is the true will. The Court to-day adjourned until Wednesday next, but I hear it fitted that a compromise is probable.

A number of our farmers are in the harvest. The wheat is said to be yielding badly. Judge Rogers Gregory, one of the most extensive farmers in this section, thinks he will not make over two thirds, and possibly not more than one half, of a crop. Corn is looking tolerably well.

WEST POINT.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The President pro tempore, announced as the special committee ordered to inquire into the connection of

from Stanley Matthews with the Louisiana frauds. Messrs. Edmunds, Ingalls, Blair, Dawes, Wadsworth, and Jones of Florida. During the morning hour, by a vote of 55 yeas to 2 nays, the bill passed recently reported from the Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, modifying the contract with James B. Eads for the construction of jetties at South Pass, Mississippi river.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The Potter Committee, which has been requested to furnish the committee with all original communications—written, printed, or telegraphic—on file in his office, or that may be under his control, purporting to come from one or all of the members of the Harlan-McVeigh Commission, sent to New Orleans in April, 1877, together with the following communications—written, printed, or telegraphic—delivered to such commission or any member thereof from the State Department or from the President, and that passed through the State Department.

Anderson's application for the Calhoun commission, which has been satisfactory to him, and now his residence there has become so unpleasant that he has abandoned it and his clerkship. The circumstances in which Mr. Anderson has been placed, and in which he has been compelled to act a very difficult part, are such as to give him a very strong opinion upon the Administration. In the public interest I do most earnestly urge that some satisfactory public employment may be found for him at once.

"Very truly, STANLEY MATTHEWS." "William M. Everts, Secretary of State." Senator Ferry replied to the invitation from the committee to appear before them that it was not convenient at present.

MASONIC INCIDENT.—Last evening at the annual meeting of Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., of this city, there was present one of its members, Captain Edward L. Young, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Mason in the State of Virginia, if not in the United States. He is ninety-six years of age, and was a Master Mason in that Lodge in 1813—sixty-five years ago. Although totally blind, it is his custom to have himself taken to the Lodge at the annual meetings, and last evening possibly for the last time, desired to

have his name recorded as voting for the officers elected. For three-score and five years he sat in that Lodge, while more than one generation has passed away, and the members, whose fathers and grandfathers were members of the same Lodge, have listened to his long remarks.—Norfolk Ledger, 7th.

THE OREGON ELECTION.

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 7.—Nearly full and complete returns have been received from all parts of the State, and these justify us in the statement that the Legislature will be dominated by a majority of at least 12 over both Republicans and Independents. Some of the Independents will act with the Democrats and increase this majority.

It is positively announced that the Democratic joint ballot will be as high as 51 votes. Whitaker's majority (Democratic candidate for Congress) will be between 500 and 600, and may run over the larger figure. This is not disputed by the Republicans. We also claim the election of Thayer, Democratic candidate for Governor. The rest of the State is in much doubt, with chances favorable to the Democrats.

[Signed] W. H. WATKINS, Chairman Democratic State Committee. Senator Grover received a dispatch from the same source of a similar import.

FROST IN NEW ENGLAND.—Boston, June 7.—Reports from all parts of this State and New Hampshire show that the crops were greatly injured by heavy frost last night.

Westwood St. Armistead is appointed postmaster at Martin's Store, Halifax county, Va. Mr. St. Armistead is a well-known merchant of that place. He is also appointed postmaster at Glade Hill, Franklin county, Va., vice Mr. Bernard, resigned. A new post office is established at Camp Smythe county, Va., on the route from Rural Retreat to Glen's mill, with William R. B. Horne as postmaster.

MEETINGS.

THE MEMBERS OF LOGE FRANK.

CAUSE, No. 53, are requested to attend a stated communication of their lodge at St. Albans Hall, on Monday evening, June 10, at 7 o'clock. Election of officers will be held. Members of the lodge are requested to be present. By order of the W. M., WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN, Secretary.

Je 10-11

RICHMOND, JUNE 10, 1878.

MEMBERS OF THE OTTEY BATTERY.

ALL INVITED GUESTS will meet at the Richmond Hotel, on Monday evening, June 10, at 7 o'clock. The annual meeting of the company will be held at the office of the company, No. 1202 Main street, on Thursday the 20th of June, instant, at 7 o'clock. By order of the W. M., C. T. HINCH, Chairman.

Je 10-11

ANNUAL MEETING.—The seventh annual meeting of STOCKHOLDERS of the RICHMOND PATENT-MAKING COMPANY, will be held at the office of the company, No. 1202 Main street, on Thursday the 20th of June, instant, at 7 o'clock. By order of the W. M., C. T. HINCH, Chairman.

Je 10-11

OFFICE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, RICHMOND, JUNE 5, 1878.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS of the VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, will be held at the office of the company, No. 1015 Main street, on Monday the 17th instant, at 10 o'clock. By order of the W. M., J. W. LUDWIG, Secretary.

Je 10-11

CALENDAR MEETING.

RICHMOND, FRIDAY AND POTOMAC R. R. RICHMOND, VA., JUNE 1, 1878.

The Board of Directors of this company having been notified by the stockholders to call a general meeting of its stockholders, in conformity with the by-laws of the company, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders will be held on TUESDAY the 24th of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock, at the office of the company, No. 1015 Main street. By order of the Board of Directors, J. B. WINSTON, Secretary.

Je 10-11

MILITARY NOTICES.

GRAYS, ATTENTION!—Assembly at 10 o'clock, Monday morning, June 10, at 10 o'clock, in full summer uniform. White pants—company will be formed at 10 o'clock, to celebrate the thirty-fourth anniversary of the company. By order Captain L. J. BOSSLEY, JAMES E. TYLER, Orderly.

Je 10-11

LECTURES.

LECTURE AT VENABLE-STREET CHURCH.—Judge PARKER will give one of his best lectures on TUESDAY EVENING, June 11, at 7 o'clock, at the VENABLE-STREET CHURCH, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

Doors open at 6 o'clock. Adults, 25c; children, 15c. Je 10-11

FRIEDRICHSHALL BITTER WATER.

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THE ONLY PURE AND RELIABLE.

Its great reputation for the happy proportions of its ingredients, which have constituted it an unapproachable and indispensable remedy for constipation, indigestion, obstructions, piles, chronic disorders of the stomach, liver, and bowels, gout, rheumatism, and all the ailments of the head, throat, and lungs, and all the ailments of the blood and skin, eruptions, or blotches.

SIR HENRY THOMPSON and Baron von LIEBIG certify to its incontestable merit.

DOSE: One or two wine-glasses full every morning. Particularly appropriate for the spring of the year.

Sold everywhere and by the agents.

BOUCCHE FILS & CO., 37 Bourse Street, New York.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

My 27-M-F2m

BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.

CRIMINAL LAWS.—1878.

DIGEST OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA OF A CRIMINAL NATURE. Illustrated by Judicial Decisions. By J. M. Matthews. Second revised edition. Contains the new Code of Criminal Procedure and Digest of Criminal Decisions from 20th to 25th of June, 1878. Price, 86c. Just published and for sale by

W. A. KANDOLPH & ENGLISH, 7-12-14

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, &c.

COACHES.—We have in charge a large number of second-hand BRETTS, carrying six persons, which are especially suited for use in the city. They are light, strong, and comfortable. These articles can be bought at a very low price, and buyers would do well to examine them. H. C. DICKERSON & SON, No. 1532 east Franklin street, Richmond, Va.

Je 8-6t

LIGHT FAMILY CARRIAGES, &c.

PHIAETONS, RUGGIES, &c.

I have a large assortment of the above articles.

My facilities for manufacturing all kinds of vehicles cannot be excelled, and on that account can fill orders at very short notice and very low prices.

REPAIRING AND ALTERATIONS.

In this department, requiring as much skill and experience as the building of new carriages, I offer unequalled advantages.

GEORGE A. AINSIE, No. 10 Third Street.

Je 8-6t

GROCERIES, &c.

BACON.—60,000 pounds BACON—CLEAR-RIB SIDES, 25 cts each BEEF TONGUES.

Je 8

REFINED SUGARS.

DAVENPORT & MORRIS, DOCK STREET.

offer for sale a large stock of STANDARD REFINED SUGARS, consisting of

CUT-LOAF, UNCLUTTERED, POWDERED, &c.

No. 1 to 10 YELLOW, receiving from the largest refiners in the country.

Je 4-10t

JAMES & JOHN N. GORDON, WHOLESALE GROCERS AND DEALERS IN METALS, No. 6 and 8 Fort Street, near the Custom House, New Orleans.

ALL GRADES OF IRON, LAGUNA, and Java Coffee; Green and Black Teas; Macaroni, Spaghetti, Concentrated Lard, and all the articles usually sold in this market. None so cheap.

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